BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005 ABLONDI ROOM

1	Attendance: Katherine E. Murphy, Chair; Charles J. Sisitsky, Clerk; A. Ginger Esty,
2	Member; Dennis L. Giombetti, Member
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4	Staff: George P. King, Jr., Town Manager; Mark J. Purple, Assistant Town Manager;
5	Scott T. Morelli, Executive Assistant
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7	Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM.
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9	MOVED: To enter Executive Session for the purpose of bargaining with a non-union
10	employee and litigation.
11	Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Mr. Giombetti
12	VOTE: 4-0-0
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14	Upon returning to open session at 7:21 PM, Ms. Murphy read the agenda.
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16	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
17	Mr. Robert O'Neil recommended that the Board assign a permanent liaison to report back
18	from the legislative delegations. He said this was needed because allocations were more
19	and more based on what was happening in other communities.
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21	RECOGNITION OF MERCHANTS
22	The Board presented framed certificates of appreciation to the following businesses for
23	their contributions to making the downtown summer concert series a success:
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25	Framingham Sub Shop and Pizza
26	Sampan Chinese Restaurant
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28	Anastacia's Oven and Grill
29	Padaria Brazil Bakery
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33	All members of the Board thanked these businesses for their efforts.
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35	PUBLIC HEARINGS
36	Consideration of New Common Victualer's License – Padaria Brasil Bakery, 61-63
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39	Mr. Elias Fernandes represented Padaria Brasil Bakery. He said they just expanded after
40	ten years and that was why they needed this license.
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42	Mr. Sisitsky asked if Padaria was adding tables and chairs to the bakery so they could do
43	more than take out. Mr. Fernandes said that was correct.

- 45 MOVED: To grant a New Common Victualer's License to Padaria Brasil Bakery.
- 46 Motion: Ms. Esty Second: Mr. Sisitsky
- 47 VOTE: 4-0-0

- 49 Consideration of Change of Manager and Assistant Manager – Framingham Liquors, 1
- 50 Marble Street

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- 52 Mr. Robert Anspach represented Framingham Liquors. He said the store did an
- 53 assessment and felt that there should be a general manager, who would be Mr. Steven
- 54 Laferriere. Mr. Anspach said with this new manager he would now be the assistant
- 55 manager. He said he had been there for 55 years.

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- 57 MOVED: To approve the Change of Manager and Assistant Manager for Framingham
- 58 Liquors.
- 59 Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Ms. Esty
- 60 VOTE: 4-0-0

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62 **ACTION ITEMS**

63 Conference of appointment of Chief Financial Officer – Mr. George King

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- 65 Mr. King invited Ms. Mary Ellen Kelley, his choice for Chief Financial Officer (CFO), to join the discussion. He said the search had been ongoing for nine months and Bennett-66
- 67 Yarger Associates assisted in the search. Mr. King said the search committee
- interviewed five applicants and made three recommendations to Mr. King. He sought the 68
- Board's concurrence in the appointment Ms. Kelley as the next CFO. 69

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- 71 Ms. Esty asked Ms. Kelley if she was one of the three recommended by the interviewing
- 72 committee. Mr. King said he received her application after the initial process and she 73 was interviewed by both the committee and himself.

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- 75 Mr. Sisitsky said he sat on the committee and out of many strong candidates, Ms. Kelley
- 76 was a standout with a terrific background. He said she could do number crunching and
- 77 also had an ability to see the big picture. Mr. Giombetti agreed. Ms. Murphy noted that
- 78 Ms. Kelley was a Town resident.

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- 80 MOVED: To concur with the Town Manager's recommendation and appoint Ms. Mary
- 81 Ellen Kelley as Chief Financial Officer.
- 82 Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Mr. Giombetti
- 83 VOTE: 4-0-0

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- 85 Ms. Kelley said this was an excellent community and noted that she had been in state
- government for 18 years. She said one of her mantras at the Registry of Motor Vehicles 86
- 87 was customer service and she hoped to continue this with the Town.

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89 Mr. Giombetti asked when her start date was. Ms. Kelley said October 31, 2005.

91 Consideration of approval of MCC application for the Adams Grant for the Cultural

92 Triangle – Ms. Kathleen Bartolini and Ms. Carla Fink

Ms. Kathleen Bartolini, Director of Planning and Economic Development, said that last year the START program did not receive state funding but they hoped to this year. She said the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) wanted their money to go exclusively to the program but it must be done in such a way that it helps with economic development. As such, Ms. Bartolini said she and Ms. Carla Fink, START Planning Director, worked with an MCC consultant and one of the issues they focused on was collaboration. She referenced a five page grant that was submitted to the Board and noted that the budget was not exact. Ms. Bartolini said the draft was not due until October 17, 2005 and the final was due November 21, 2005. She said the five page text may be slightly modified between now and then as a result. Ms. Bartolini also noted some of the changes in the program from the prior year.

Ms. Esty asked how the Board could help. Ms. Bartolini said the Board could help by voting to approve the filing of the application and by writing a letter of support.

Mr. Sisitsky noted that this was a matching grant. Ms. Bartolini said 80% of the match had to be cash. Mr. Sisitsky said this grant called for 10% of Ms. Bartolini's time and asked if this was realistic. Ms. Bartolini said she was already dedicating more than 10% of her time to this program.

Mr. Sisitsky asked about the in-kind match. Ms. Bartolini said that it was from the organizations that were already planning on working on these events. Mr. Sisitsky said he had no problem approving this but he would like to see the final budget.

Ms. Murphy asked about some places that were outside of the triangle. Ms. Bartolini said it was a cultural triangle. Ms. Murphy referenced page one about ethnic diversity where it stated that immigrants used a lot of social services, which Ms. Murphy said they did not. Ms. Bartolini said she would remove this reference. Ms. Esty said that the word immigrants might be the wrong term unless it accounted for people coming from other communities and not just other countries.

- MOVED: To take any steps necessary to send in this draft and support it and look forward to supporting the final draft in November.
- 127 Motion: Ms. Esty Second: Mr. Sisitsky

128 VOTE: 4-0-0

130 Consideration of Appointments to the Route 126/135 Committee

Ms. Murphy said the Board was moving ahead with reviewing this intersection and wanted to put together a committee to review the work done over the past century. She said the Board had organized applicants into numerous categories and noted that there were several applications for some categories and none for others.

- 137 Mr. Sisitsky suggested the Board appoint some of the members who did not have any
- 138 competition.

- MOVED: To appoint Charles Sisitsky (Co-Chair), John Stasik (Co-Chair), Peter Sellers
- 141 (DPW Director), John Bertorelli (Town Engineer), Kathy Bartolini (Director of Planning
- and Economic Development), John Steacie (EDIC Member), Tom Branham (Farm Pond
- 143 Study Committee Member), William Hanson (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy
- 144 Committee), Chris Ross (Framingham Downtown Renaissance), Rosemary Weich
- 145 (League of Women Voters), Harold Weaver (At-Large, Precinct 15), Robert O'Neil (At-
- Large, Precinct 16), John Freitas (Downtown Merchant), Chris Walsh (Town-Wide At-
- Large), and Ginger Esty (Ex-officio MPO) to the Route 126/135 Committee.
- 148 Motion: Ms. Esty Second: Mr. Sisitsky
- 149 VOTE: 4-0-0

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- 151 Presentation: Doeskin Water Supply Betterment Project Mr. Peter Sellers, Public
- Works Director
- 153 Mr. Sellers was joined by Mr. Tom Holder, Director of Water and Sewer Operations, Mr.
- John Bertorelli, Town Engineer, and Mr. Robert Mackey, a consultant.

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- Mr. Sellers said the project had been underway for several years and involved substantial
- 157 construction. He noted that in 2000 Town Meeting authorized the installation of water
- lines on the Doeskin Betterment Project. Mr. Sellers added that additional funds were
- approved in 2003 and construction began six months later. He said that the project had
- reached substantial completion and twelve residents had been hooked up to the system.
- Mr. Sellers said that the Town now must vote on an assessment and referenced a handout
- for this and other budgetary issues. He stated that 84 parcels would equally share in the
- \$2,340,000 assessment, for a total of \$27,857.14 per parcel. Mr. Sellers added that the
- payment of the assessment was not optional. He noted that the project originally called
- for 65 units but a secondary project added an additional 19 units which resulted in a
- decrease in the per parcel assessment by 30%. Mr. Sellers said the assessment could be
- levied in the following manners: 1) Pay the full amount in 30 days with no interest, 2)
- Pay some amount and pay the rest in 20 equal payments, 3) Pay all over 20 annual tax
- bill payments. He discussed when interested would be added. Mr. Sellers noted that the
- 170 Town Counsel, Assessors, and the Finance office had reviewed this. He recommended
- that the Board vote to: 1) Approve the order of assessment as attached in exhibit A, 2)
- Record this with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, and C) Certify the list of assessments
- that were included as an item in this exhibit.

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- Ms. Esty asked about exhibit C and a \$53,500 payment to David Gardner Contracting and
- 176 Supply for storm drain repairs and a Gabion wall. Mr. Sellers said the Gabion wall was
- used behind the pumping station as a retaining wall to hold up Edmands Road. He said
- 178 David Gardner Contracting reconstructed both the head walls and drainage piping
- 179 conduit.

- 181 Ms. Esty asked about Echo Tech and Wetlands monitoring for \$7,200 and asked if this
- was part of the silt removal. Mr. Sellers said part of the agreement was to follow the
- wetlands restoration process and Echo Tech was the outside consultant who would be

- providing this information to the DEP and Conservation. Ms. Esty thought this could not
- be charged to the betterment. Mr. Bertorelli said the \$7,200 was for the constant
- monitoring of the easement itself. He said more erosion control had to be added. Ms.
- 187 Esty said she wanted to be sure residents were not charged for any errors. Mr. Sisitsky
- asked about the status of the fire protection system and if they had been filled in. Mr.
- Holder said the Fire Department suggested the systems be left in place as an emergency
- back up filled with water and operational, if need be.

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Ms. Murphy asked about fire suppression on Carter Drive. Mr. Holder said that tanks were strategically located in certain areas and there were pipes that trucks could tap into and draw off the reservoir of water underground. Ms. Murphy asked if all home owners had been notified and Mr. Sellers said they had. Mr. Christopher Petrini, Town Counsel, said statutory notice would be required after the Board's vote tonight but the notice for tonight's meeting was not required statutorily, even though the Town sent notice. Ms. Murphy noted that the betterment called for existing and potentially multi-family, commercial, industrial, and semi-public uses were to be converted into water units on the basis of residential equivalents. She asked if there were any of these up there and if there were any potential for these. Mr. Bertorelli said they were all single-family residential with one acre minimum zoning. Ms. Murphy said she was concerned that some people still had wells so there was a potential for cross contamination, which Mr. Holder agreed there was. Mr. Holder said some residents were still interested in keeping well water and geothermal heating systems in their homes. He said the DEP required the installation of a backflow devise and this was being done by those connecting and by those who had a second system. Mr. Holder said this would prevent cross contamination. He said these

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Ms. Esty asked about the pumping station's appearance. Mr. Sellers said it was not in its final state of appearance and noted additional work including additional paving and screening from the street and abutting residents. He said growth maturation would help with screening. Mr. Sellers said there were more projects after this one in the area.

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- Mr. Giombetti asked about the variance on the lowest to highest elevation and asked if the booster system was a workable solution to the residents. Mr. Sellers said it was, noting that the top of the bill had 25 DSI of pressure and the better had 110 DSI. He said
- 217 noting that the top of the hill had 35 PSI of pressure and the bottom had 110 PSI. He said 218 he felt it was prudent for those around the 105 foot contour to have a booster pump. Ms.
- he felt it was prudent for those around the 105 foot contour to have a booster pump. Ms. Murphy asked how this would affect other homeowners. Mr. Sellers said it would not
- affect them.

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- 222 Ms. Esty asked if booster pumps were high maintenance items. Mr. Sellers said they
- were not and noted that he had them in his previous homes without any maintenance.
- Ms. Esty said this would be the homeowner's responsibility and Mr. Sellers confirmed it would be.

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Ms. Kathy Vassar thanked the Town and DPW for getting the betterment up and going and especially thanked the three residents who helped to see this through.

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230 Mr. King thanked Town staff and residents for their long hours on this.

- 232 MOVED: To approve the order of assessment attached as exhibit A, authorize the
- 233 recording of the order with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, and certify the list of
- assessments.
- 235 Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Mr. Giombetti
- 236 VOTE: 4-0-0

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The Board recessed for a five minute break at 8:45 PM. The Board returned from recess at 8:54 PM.

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- Division Update: Inspectional Services Mr. Joseph Mikielian, Director
- 242 Mr. Mikielian gave a PowerPoint presentation about Inspectional Services. He noted he
- oversaw the Public Health, Building Inspection, and Weights and Measures departments.
- Mr. Mikielian noted that code enforcement was the number one priority and outlined
- 245 what this entailed. He noted several achievements in code enforcement, including the
- 246 code enforcement team, inspection of all public and private construction projects,
- 247 ensuring all Town projects met the highest State and environmental codes, and continued
- consistent enforcement of the nuisance bylaw. Mr. Mikielian outlined the division's
- 249 goals for the next fiscal year, including cross-training inspectors, improving the Town-
- 250 wide code enforcement task force, enhancing inter-departmental communication and
- cross-training, and fully cooperating with other departments. He reviewed what
- constituted a lodging house. Mr. Mikielian also discussed illegal commercial vehicles in
- a residential district. He outlined Building Inspection's mission statement and upcoming
- 254 goals, which included enhancing the Town's sign by-law enforcement, staff training and
- certification, and enforcement of other codes. Mr. Mikielian also outlined other major
- 256 initiatives, including notification of sign by-law enforcement to 1,500 commercial sign
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- 257 holders, web information updates, and assisting the public with written zoning reviews
- for official documents. He outlined the Weights and Measures department's duties and
- 259 the goals for FY06, including checking retail package inspections, increasing random
- 260 inspections at gas stations, enforcing the Consumer and Merchants Protection Act, and
- 261 checking truck scales for accuracy. Mr. Mikielian outlined the duties of the public health
- department, including ensuring a consistent and effective environmental code
- 263 enforcement throughout the entire community, preventing communicable diseases
- through immunization and education, and to promote a healthy lifestyle. He announced
- the first flu clinic would be on November 2, 2005.

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- Mr. Sisitsky asked Mr. Mikielian if the Board could get a brief summary of what types of work people needed to get permits for. Mr. Mikielian said that permits were given for any new construction and for changes in the use of a building. He said people would not need a permit for ordinary repairs, something already constructed, painting, or minor
- 271 repairs.

- 273 Mr. Sisitsky asked Mr. Bob Cooper, Director of Public Health, about a prior presentation
- 274 he gave indicating there were not enough staff to inspect all restaurants. Mr. Cooper said
- 275 many staff had resigned and noted that sanitarians were rare. He said they had operated
- 276 understaffed for a while but just filled the Chief Sanitation position. Mr. Cooper hoped

to get up to full staff by Thanksgiving. He said the department prioritized high risk restaurants to be inspected first.

Mr. Sisitsky asked if it was public information about which restaurants had received a warning. Mr. Cooper said it was but it was not published on web. He said the department's files were open to anyone who had a question.

Mr. Sisitsky asked Mr. Jack Walsh, Director of Weights and Measures, if the disappearance of unit pricing was due to a change in the law. Mr. Walsh said the law applied to food stores and food sections and it stated that there were to be individual prices. He said that he did inspect those. Mr. Walsh said other items like clothing, motor oil, and picture frames did not have to be individually priced.

Mr. Giombetti asked Mr. Mikielian how they determined if something was an illegal lodging home and also if other health laws came into play if numerous relatives legally lived together under the lodging law. Mr. Mikielian said they usually did a survey and if they saw several cars in a single family home then that would be a beginning indicator. He said the amount of mailboxes was another indicator. Mr. Mikielian said they often worked in conjunction with other departments. He said the sanitary code could also apply in quarters where numerous people resided. Mr. Giombetti asked about laws regarding people per bedroom or bathroom. Mr. Mikielian said he did not believe there were any such requirements.

Mr. Giombetti asked about complaints the department received and if they had goals for how quickly they respond to a complainant. Mr. Mikielian said it depended and that they had to be prioritized on how much of a safety hazard they were. Mr. Giombetti said the Board got a regular update of nuisances and commended the department for all they were able to resolve so quickly.

Mr. Sisitsky said people needed to realize that they can make anonymous complaints. Mr. Mikielian said people could email, call, or fill out a form.

Mr. Giombetti said there were so many restaurants in Town and they seemed to be in very good shape so he thought it was in part due to the Board of Health's work.

Ms. Esty wondered why Mr. Joe Bradley's name had not appeared on complaint lists until now. Mr. Mikielian thought it had been on and off lists in recent times. Ms. Esty said she thought this was an ongoing problem with the business and the owner storing things in the wrong places. She said Mr. Bradley's first letter to the Board noted diesels idling for a long period of time. Ms. Esty said she was disappointed that more action had not been taken and wondered if someone working for the Town in some capacity got less scrutiny. Mr. Mikielian said this was not the case. Ms. Esty said these seemed to be clear violations, including things like a snow plow on the roof. Mr. Mikielian said the department had taken action in the past and would continue to do so. Ms. Esty said a \$25 fine was not much considering what was happening.

- 323 Ms. Esty also asked about Ms. Kathy McCarthy's difficulties that she spoke of back in
- March. Ms. Esty said Nadine Road had not been on the list although some neighbor's
- had called in and when it was finally on the list it said "no cause." She wondered about
- 326 the time delay between March and August. Mr. Mikielian said no one was treated any
- 327 differently and the last time the inspector was there no violations were found. Mr. King
- 328 said the nuisance bylaw lists were just tasks of particular inspectors and not others that
- worked for Mr. Mikielian. He said it did not mean an issue wasn't looked into if it was
- not on the list. Ms. Esty said she hoped any complaint that is found to be valid could be
- anonymous from the source and Mr. Mikielian said it could be.

- 333 Ms. Esty wanted to clarify that Mr. Mikielian did not have the power to tell those below
- him where they could and could not inspect. Mr. Mikielian said in matters of sanitation
- 335 he would make recommendations to Mr. Cooper and if the matter involved weights and
- measures he would most likely leave it up to Mr. Walsh to enforce. Ms. Esty asked if he
- would tell the Board of Health where to inspect or not but rather suggested where they
- go. Mr. Mikielian said he was a division head.

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340 Ms. Esty said she was glad there were team inspections but was sorry this was not done when the wet shelter went in.

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- 343 Ms. Murphy asked for an update on sign bylaw enforcement. Mr. Mikielian said he
- would look for additional staff for this and it would depend on what happened next spring
- 345 to the law. Ms. Esty asked if it was possible new signs had been allowed in the past year
- that would not be allowed next October. Mr. Mikielian said it was but they were
- informed about the future non-compliance.

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- 349 Ms. Esty asked for Mr. Mikielian's plan on 105 Irving Street. Mr. Mikielian said his plan
- was to enforce the bylaws to fullest extent possible and noted that they always
- investigated complaints received on this property. He said the Police Department had
- and enforcement on idling.

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- 354 Discussion of Town Manager Search Process
- 355 Mr. Sisitsky said that technically there was not yet a vacancy but he suggested a
- 356 professional headhunter to get involved to help the Town prepare a format for soliciting
- applications and pre-screening applicants. He said after this, select candidates would be
- interviewed by a committee and finalists would be presented to the Board. Mr. Giombetti
- said a consultant should provide guidance and help with recruiting. He was hesitant to
- 360 give the role of pre-screening to a consultant. Mr. Sisitsky suggested Ms. Murphy talk to
- 361 Ms. Monica Visco, Director of Human Resources, to suggest consultants and have her
- meet with the Board on October 25, 2005. Mr. King noted that the Town might have to
- 363 bid for consultant and suggested reviewing the job description and salary range up front.
- 364 Ms. Esty said the contract would not be the same. Mr. King said the Town would have to
- offer someone more than what he was making to get the level of candidates the Town
- 366 needed.

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Town Manager's Report

- 369 Mr. King said heat in the Memorial Building was a major issue. He said a major survey
- was done in the summer and he did not like the results. Mr. King said he looked at
- temporary solutions to the heat and had to authorize \$100,000 worth of repairs to the
- heating system and could not wait for Town Meeting to do so. He said it was a
- temporary fix to the boiler and noted there was a possibility that the work would not be
- 374 completed until the end of October. Mr. King said there would be an arrangement for
- temporary heat to be provided to the building through October for about \$5,000.

377 Ms. Esty asked about alternative sources of energy. Mr. King said the current fix was a 378 temporary solution but it would be proper to discuss alternative energy sources as a long-379 term solution.

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Ms. Esty thought items on Mr. King's "green sheet" were interesting and that he should include them in his report. Mr. King said the purpose of these sheets was to give the Board insight on what he did on a weekly basis but these items might not be too interesting to the public. He noted items from his "green sheet":

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- 386 Meeting with MBTA
- 387 Mr. King said he attended a meeting coordinated by Rep. Blumer's office regarding the
- 388 126/135 intersection. He said the Town's contention was that the intersection was built
- as part of the 135 project, which was an MBTA mitigation project. Mr. King said the
- 390 Town contends that it was not built to specifications, though the MBTA contends it was
- and they would like the Town to accept it before they do any tweaking. He said the
- 392 Town's contention was that they do the tweaking before accepting it. Mr. King said that
- 393 the MBTA will provide the Town with a copy of the As Built plans of the intersection to
- ensure the actual construction conforms to these plans, which the Town contended it did
- not. He said the two major issues were the timing of the lights sequence and an
- 396 additional lane. Mr. King said there had been some progress on this but much more work
- 397 needed to be done.

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- 399 Abdul Alkhatib
- 400 Mr. King noted that Mr. Abdul Alkhatib, Assistant Director of Public Works, had
- accepted the Director of Public Works position with Billerica. He congratulated Mr.
- 402 Alkhatib.

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- 404 Framingham State College Presentation
- 405 Mr. King said he spoke at Framingham State College to three classes about local
- 406 government. He noted that he had difficulty answering a question about how the Town
- 407 felt about the college. Mr. King said there was an opportunity to improve the Town's
- 408 relationship with the college.

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- 410 Employee Health Coalition
- 411 Mr. King noted that members of the Employee Health Coalition had ratified the
- agreement. He said the employees had been generally very receptive to the needs of
- 413 Town and this marked the fourth time they had made concessions, for which they
- 414 deserved a lot of credit.

- Ms. Esty asked about 105 Irving Street and said the Town promoted mixed use and needed a clear line of what was allowed. Mr. King said he personally visited this area,
- adding that it was a difficult situation and it involved a grudge match. He reminded Ms.
- Esty that there were due process issues at stake and the Town was limited in some things
- that it could do. Mr. Giombetti said there was a tone that could be set with the business
- owners. Mr. King said fines were \$25 for a first offense, \$100 for a second, and \$300 for
- third and other offenses.

- Ms. Esty said she reviewed minutes about the PUD in Saxonville regarding the trucks coming in with the fill and if it was an allowed use. She said the minutes noted it was
- 426 going to be sent to Town Counsel at one point for an opinion. Ms. Esty said New
- 427 England Sand and Gravel and whoever their land was sold to had submitted a subdivision
- 428 plan and once they submitted this it meant they began to use this property as the PUD
- 429 under the special permit. She said the bylaw stated that at this point the only uses
- permitted in the PUD could be used on that property and any zoning or grandfathering
- was void. Ms. Esty said this was her understanding but wanted an opinion from Town
- Counsel. Ms. Murphy said if it was not resolved it should be an agenda item. Mr. King
- said Mr. Mikielian and Mr. Jay Grande, Planning Board Administrator, ruled that the
- 434 trigger had not yet occurred. Ms. Esty said they were not lawyers and wanted to know
- what the triggering mechanism was. Mr. Sisitsky asked if they consulted with Town
- Counsel before that ruling. Mr. King thought they did but was unsure. Ms. Esty said she
- had not seen anything in writing from Town Counsel. Ms. Murphy suggested asking Mr.
- 438 Mikielian and Mr. Grande if they had asked Town Counsel. Ms. Esty said a second issue
- was testing the material to ensure it was suitable to be stored on the property.

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- Mr. Giombetti asked if Town Counsel had sent anything to the Attorney General in
- support of the article passed at the Special Town Meeting regarding the Dover
- Amendment changes. He said SMOC sent something in opposition to this. Mr. King said Mr. Petrini was working on it.

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Ms. Murphy asked about a theft of about 50 laptops at the high school and wondered if the Town was insured. Mr. King said the Town was insured. Ms. Murphy requested a

follow up.

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- 450 Ms. Esty asked about bus companies and ownership. Mr. King said the School
- Department was open to bidding contracts both ways. Ms. Esty said buses were idling
- 452 this past winter and the decision was made that the Town could not fine them because
- essentially it would be fining itself. Mr. King said the contract was up for the next school
- 454 year and understood it would be bid with the alternative of privatizing drivers. Ms.
- Murphy said the School Committee had discussed this for many years and said that it
- would not be a huge savings. Mr. King said last time it was bid with the drivers and there
- was a labor shortage at the time. Mr. Giombetti said the superintendent was committed
- 458 to looking at the privatization study. Mr. King said the study was old and suggested
- 459 doing the study again.

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Selectmen's Reports

- 462 Ms. Murphy gave an update on the Housing Liaison Steering Committee. She said the
- housing plan came forward and a consultant was hired in August 2004. Ms. Murphy said
- in October 2004 Town Meeting said they did not like the housing plan but they had
- already been awarded the consultant. She said the committee had been working with her
- but the Town's needs may not fit within the scope of the grant. Ms. Murphy said she
- may come back to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to fund the consultant and
- 468 this may come back in the master plan. Ms. Esty said the final product would be very
- useful for the Town. She said she hoped \$12,000 would be available through the
- 470 Planning Board or Town Meeting and possibly include the money as part of the master
- 471 plan.

- 473 MOVED: To proceed with the planning process as outlined.
- 474 Motion: Ms. Esty Second: Ms. Murphy
- 475 VOTE: 4-0-0

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- 477 Master Plan
- 478 Ms. Murphy said this was under the purview of the Planning Board and she contacted the
- chair for a joint meeting in the near future.

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- 481 Ms. Murphy said a PILOT Committee member had to step down so the Board needed to
- advertise for another appointee. Ms. Esty said the resignation resulted in an odd number
- of members which she felt was a positive. Mr. Giombetti said the Board should defer the
- decision as to whether to appoint another member to the committee. Ms. Murphy will
- contact them to determine their preference.

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- 487 Ms. Murphy said the Immigration Conference would be held on October 31, 2005 from
- 488 8:00 to 10:00 AM.

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- 490 <u>Approval of Minutes</u>
- 491 *March 10, 2005 and March 31, 2005 (Executive Session)*
- 492 MOVED: To approve the minutes from the March 10, 2005 executive session and March
- 493 31, 2005.
- 494 Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Ms. Murphy
- 495 VOTE: 3-0-1 (Mr. Giombetti abstained.)

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- 497 April 21, 2005, May 12, 2005 (Open and Executive Session), May 19, 2005, May 26,
- 498 2005, June 2, 2005, June 9, 2005, June 16, 2005 (Open and Executive Session), June 23,
- 499 2005, July 12, 2005, July 26, 2005, August 16, 2005 (Open and Executive Session),
- 500 August 30, 2005 (Open and Executive Session)
- MOVED: To approve the remaining sets of minutes as listed in the Selectmen's packet.
- 502 Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Ms. Esty
- 503 VOTE: 4-0-0

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- 505 MOVED: To adjourn.
- 506 Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Ms. Murphy
- 507 VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:37	PM.
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